



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

Niantic River Watershed Committee

Monitoring Subcommittee Meeting

October 5, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Conference Room 1 – East Lyme Town Hall

Attendees: Chris Tomichek, Don Landers, Susan Gonzalez, Maureen Fitzgerald (guest)

1. Susan Gonzalez opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.
2. The August 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were not reviewed. They will need to be approved during the April 2024 Monitoring Subcommittee meeting.
3. Discussion of 2023 outfall bacterial water sampling – Jamie Vaudrey was not able to attend this meeting, but she has ordered all the sampling supplies. Maureen thought a dipper and reflective vests would be useful. She also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a letter from the towns describing the sampling to show homeowners. Don Landers offered to sample the lower Niantic River on both sides and thought that some of the discharges could be sampled upstream from the catch basins. Volunteers will be needed for the upper river discharges.
4. Partner Reports
 - a. Niantic River eelgrass study – No update since J. Vaudrey absent.
 - b. Waterford Solar Farm water temperature monitoring – Decision needs to be made on whether to continue monitoring once Don Danila has analyzed the temperature data from Tidbits deployed near the solar farm. Maureen reported that the solar farm area has stabilized.
5. New Business – None
6. Next regular group meeting – April 4, 2024, 5 PM, East Lyme Town Hall.
7. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme

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